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To the Chairman and Members of the Andover Rural District Council

Mr Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report on the health and sanitary circumstances of your district for the year 1968.

The Registrar General reported an estimated fall of population figures from 21,980 in 1967 to 21,060 in 1968. At the same time our birth rate rose and the death rate fell!

With the exception of measles there has been no significant outbreaks of infectious disease. Vaccination against measles began in May, but as supplies were short, it was limited to children under 7 years at first.

Infective hepatitis was made notifiable over the whole country in June. It is thought this disease is on the increase. Not a lot is known about its causation and mode of spread and it is hoped more will be learnt about it.

A new programme of immunisation of children was introduced during the year. Although under it, children will be older before they are completely protected, it is thought that the new scheme will give a more complete protection.

I should like to thank the Senior Public Health Inspector and the staff of his and my departments for their help in the compilation of this report.

I have the honour to be,

Mr Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant

Medical Officer of Health

GENERAL STATISTICS

Acres - 67,808

Population - The Registrar General's estimated mid-year population was 21,060 which is a reduction of 920 when compared with 1967.

The estimated mid-year population trend in the Andover Rural District over the past ten years is as follows:

1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968
20,240	20,080	17,200	19,760	20,070	20,020	21,040	20,460	21,980	21,060

The total number of deaths in 1968 was 138, the number of births was 405, showing a natural increase of 267.

Table showing number of Births in Andover Rural District 1959 - 1968

1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968
304	346	328	361	392	399	356	356	382	405

Number of inhabited houses - 5,488

Rateable Value - £632,805

Estimated Rate from Penny Rate - £2,577 10s 4d.

VITAL STATISTICS

Births

The Registrar General's figures for live and still-births for the Andover Rural District in 1968 were 405 and 5 respectively.

Table showing legitimate and illegitimate live births for 1967

Live Births	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	199	182	381
Illegitimate	15	9	24
Total	214	191	405

Table showing still-births for 1968

Still-births	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	3	2	5
Illegitimate	0	0	0
Total	3	2	5

Live Birth Rate

The crude live birth rate per 1,000 of estimated population was 19.2. The corrected birth rate (using a comparability figure of 1.21) was 23.2. For the Administrative County of Hampshire it was 18.4 and for England and Wales 16.9.

Illegitimate Births

There were 24 illegitimate births compared with 34 in 1967, and 14 in 1966. The illegitimate live birth rate is expressed as the percentage of illegitimate births to total live births and for 1968 was 5.3. It was 8.9 in 1967, 3.9 in 1966, 4.2 in 1965 and 4.0 in 1964. In the Administrative County of Hampshire in 1968 the rate was 1.2.

Table showing Illegitimate Birth Rates during the period 1959 - 1968

	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968
Total Births	304	346	328	361	392	399	356	356	382	405
Illegi-timate	11	9	13	11	9	16	15	14	34	24
Rate %	3.6	2.6	3.9	3.0	2.3	4.0	4.2	3.9	8.9	5.3

Still-births

There were 5 still-births in 1968, giving a still-birth rate per 1,000 total live and still-births of 12.12 compared with a rate of 5.2 in 1967, 24.7 in 1966, 11.1 in 1965, and 25.1 in 1964. In the Administrative County of Hampshire the rate was 0.23 in 1968 and for England & Wales 14.0.

Infant Deaths

Twelve infants under 1 year died in 1968 in Andover Rural District. Of these 9 died in the first week of life, 2 more between 1 & 4 weeks and the other between 4 weeks and 1 year.

Causes of Infant Deaths

Prematurity	5
Asphyxia	2
Anoxia	2
Broncho Pneumonia	1
Cardiac Failure	1
Congenital	1

Table showing Infant Deaths in 1968

	Under 1 year		Under 4 weeks		Under 1 week	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Legitimate	8	3	8	2	7	1
Illegitimate	1	0	1	0	1	0

Infant Mortality Rate

The Infant Mortality Rate is the total infant deaths under 1 year per 1,000 live births. In 1968 it was 29.6 compared with 26.2 for 1967, 33.7 for 1966, 30.9 for 1965 and 27.8 for 1964. For England and Wales in 1968 it was 18.0 and for the Administrative County of Hampshire it was 16.3.

Legitimate Infant Mortality Rate

The number of deaths in legitimate infants under 1 year per 1,000 live legitimate births in 1968 for Andover Rural District was 28.8 compared with 28.6 in 1967, 32.3 in 1966 and 30.9 in 1965.

Illegitimate Infant Mortality Rate

This rate was 41.7 in 1968, compared with a rate of zero in 1967, 71.4 in 1966 and zero in 1965.

Neonatal Mortality Rate

The number of deaths of infants under 4 weeks per 1,000 live births in 1968 was 27.2. The rate was 15.7 in 1967, 22.5 in 1966, 16.9 in 1965 and 25.0 in 1964.

Early Neonatal Mortality Rate

The number of deaths of infants under one week per 1,000 live births was 22.2. In 1967 it was 15.7, 1966 it was 16.9, in 1965 it was 16.9 and in 1964 it was 25.0.

Perinatal Mortality Rate

This is the number of infant deaths under one week plus still-births per 1,000 combined live and still-births. In 1968 it was 34.1 compared with 20.8 in 1967, 41.4 in 1966, 27.8 in 1965 and 46.4 in 1964.

Maternal Mortality Rate

For the fourth year running there were no deaths due to pregnancy and childbirth in the District.

Deaths from all Causes

The Registrar General has recorded the following deaths and they are classified under the International Abbreviated List of causes (B list) from the Manual of the Eighth Revision of the International Classification of Diseases, 1965.

Where headings are omitted from the table there were no deaths due to these causes.

Cause of Death	Sex	Total All Ages	Under 4 weeks	4 wks and under 1 yr	Age in Years								
					1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75 & over
11.Meningococcal Infection	M	1									1		
19(1)Malignant Neoplasm - Stomach	M	1										1	
19(2)Malignant Neoplasm - Lung, Bronchus	M	4							1		2		1
19(3)Malignant Neoplasm-Breast	F	2							1	1			
19(4)Malignant Neoplasm-Uterus	F	2									1	1	
19(5)Leukaemia	F	1					1						
19(6)Other Malignant Neoplasms, etc.	M	4			1				1		1	1	
	F	5									2	1	2
21.Diabetes Mellitus	M	1										1	
23.Anaemias	M	1									1		
24.Meningitis	M	1	1										
26.Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	F	2										1	1
27.Hypertensive Disease	M	2									1	1	
28.Ischaemic Heart Disease	M	20						1		1	6	7	5
	F	13									1	5	7
29.Other Forms of Heart Disease	M	7	1									1	5
	F	7									1	1	5
30.Cerebrovascular Disease	M	8										3	5
	F	11									1	3	7
31.Influenza	M	1								1			
32.Pneumonia	M	2	1										1
	F	5	1										4

Table continued

Cause of Death	Sex	Total all Ages	Under 4 weeks	4 wks and under 1 yr	Age in Years 1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75 & over
33(1)Bronchitis & Emphysema	M	2									1		1
	F	2									1		1
33(2)Asthma	M	1							1				
34.Peptic Ulcer	M	1											1
39.Hyperplasia of Prostate	M	1									1		
42.Congenital Anomalies	M	1	1										
	F	2	1		1								
43.Birth Injury, Difficult Labour etc.	M	2	2										
44.Other causes of Perinatal Mortality	M	3	3										
46(4)Other Diseases of Nervous System etc.	M	1											1
	F	1										1	
46(5)Other Diseases of Circulatory System	M	4									2	1	1
	F	5										3	2
46(6)Other Diseases of Respiratory System	M	1						1					
	F	1		1									
46(7)Other Diseases of Digestive System	M	1										1	
	F	1										1	
46(8)Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	F	1										1	
47.Motor Vehicle Accidents	M	2						1					1
48.All Other Accidents	F	3								1			2
49.Suicide and self-inflicted Injuries	M	1									1		
Total all Causes	M	74	9	-	1	-	-	3	3	2	17	17	22
	F	64	2	1	1	-	1	-	1	2	7	18	31

The total number of deaths due to all causes in the Andover Rural District in 1968 was 138.

Diseases of the heart accounted for 51 deaths or 36.9% of all deaths.

Ischaemic Heart Disease, with 33 deaths, caused 23.9% of all deaths.

If all deaths due to diseases of the heart and circulatory system (including cerebro-vascular lesions) are combined, a figure of 79 deaths is arrived at - this is 57.2% of all deaths.

Cancer caused 19 deaths, i.e. 13.8% of the total. Of these, 4 were caused by cancer of the lung and bronchus, i.e. 21.1% of deaths due to cancer were caused by cancer of the lung and bronchus.

Death Rate (crude) per 1,000 estimated population	-	6.6
Death Rate corrected (using comparability figure of 1.48) per 1,000 estimated population	-	9.8
Death Rate per 1,000 estimated population for Administrative County of Hampshire	-	10.5
Death Rate for England & Wales per 1,000 estimated Population	-	11.9

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

The number of infectious diseases notified was 28.

Table showing types and number of infectious diseases notified in Andover Rural District in 1968.

Disease	Number
Scarlet Fever	1
Dysentery	4
Measles	21
Malaria	1
Tuberculosis	1
Total	28

Measles

Measles with 21 cases formed the bulk of infectious diseases notified.

The following table shows the distribution of measles in age groups:

	Under 1 yr.	1+	2+	3+	4+	5-9	10-14	15-24	23+	Age Unknown	Total
Males	-	1	1	2	2	3	1	1	-	1	12
Females	-	-	2	-	1	5	-	-	-	1	9
Total	-	1	3	2	3	8	1	1	-	2	21

Tuberculosis

Only one new case of tuberculosis was notified in 1968.

There was one inward transfer on the register.

	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Total
	Male	Female	Male	Female	
New Cases	0	1	0	0	1
Inward Transfers	0	1	0	0	1
Number on Register as at 31.12.68	63	57	7	14	141
	120		21		141

One case of pulmonary tuberculosis was removed from the register because the patient was cured; two cases died, and one left the district.

IMMUNISATION AND VACCINATION

Poliomyelitis Vaccination

Vaccination against poliomyelitis was offered to all persons under 40 years of age. The vaccine generally used is the oral (Sabin) type vaccine which is easier to administer, especially to children. It is important to ensure that the highest possible acceptance rate, especially among young children, is maintained.

The following table shows the number of persons under 16 years immunised against poliomyelitis in 1968 in Andover Rural District:

Age Groups	Numbers Vaccinated
Children born in 1968	57
" " " 1967	182
" " " 1966	32
" " " 1965	5
" " " 1964 - 61	13
Others under 16 years	1
Re-inforcing doses under 16 years	356
Total	648

Measles Vaccination

In 1968 vaccination was introduced against measles and 289 children under 15 years were vaccinated.

An outbreak of measles was due last winter but it is interesting to compare the number of cases notified in the Rural District with the three previous years.

1965	124
1966	45
1967	163
1968	21

This same trend is apparent in the national figures. It was stated by the Department of Health and Social Security that there were perhaps 100,000 less cases in England and Wales in the last 3 months of 1968 than were expected. It seems likely that the disease could be wholly prevented and it is hoped that parents will seek immunisation for their children.

Smallpox Vaccination

The following table shows the number of vaccinations of age groups under 16 years carried out in Andover Rural District in 1968:

Age at Date of Vaccination	Primary	Re-vaccination
0 - 3 months	-	
4 - 6 months	-	
7 - 9 months	1	
10 - 12 months	8	
1 year	161	
2 - 4 years	29	6
5 - 15 years	12	41
Total	211	47

Records are not kept over the age of 16 years.

Diphtheria, Tetanus and Whooping Cough Vaccination

The most frequently used agent is Triple Antigen, which contains antigens of diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus. This reduces the number of injections necessary, which are usually commenced when the infant is about three months old. The antigens, given combined in a single vaccine, produce a greater protection to each disease than they would if given separately.

The following table shows the completed courses and booster doses given in 1968:

Type of Antigen	Primary Course	Booster Doses
Triple	250	191
Diphtheria/Tetanus	9	314

COUNTY HEALTH SERVICES

Area Nursing Officer

Miss J. Byatt

Health Visitors

Miss M.L. Collins

Mrs T. Annals

Miss I. Fowler

Mrs M.K. Brookes

Miss P.R. Darvill

Mrs M. Harbottle

District Nurse/Midwives

Barton Stacey

Miss N. Rutter, 24 Hanson Road, Andover.

Shipton Bellinger, Abbotts Ann

Miss O.M. Heath, 25 Sarum Close, Shipton Bellinger.

Weyhill

Mrs E. Bailey, "Wulfrun", Redpost Lane, Weyhill, Andover.

Bourne Valley

District Nurse

Mrs S.R. Davey, 9 Sheppard Square, Cricketers Way, Andover. (to 8.6.68)

Miss A. Rigby, 248 Pilgrims Way, Andover. (from 9.9.68)

District Midwife

Miss J.A. Rolfe, 7 Azalea Court, Floral Way, Andover.

Child Welfare Clinic

Barton Stacey	Community Centre	2nd & 4th Mondays
Chilbolton	The Hall	1st Wednesdays
Hurstbourne Tarrant	British Legion Hall	1st Mondays
Longparish	The Hall	4th Wednesdays
Shipton Bellinger	Church Hall	2nd & 4th Thursdays
Thruxton	Village Hall	2nd Tuesdays
Upper Clatford	The Hall	1st Wednesdays

HOME HELP SERVICES

ANDOVER BOROUGH AND ANDOVER RURAL DISTRICT

Annual Statistics - 1968

Total new cases assisted	105
Total cases assisted	200
Aged (over 65)	126
Chronic	19
Emergency Sickness	6
Post Hospital	5
Child Care	1
Special	7
Maternity	36
Number of Home Helps on Register as at 31.12.68	32

The separate statistics are no longer given for Andover Borough and Andover Rural District.

GENERAL INSPECTION OF THE AREA

Visits carried out under the Animal Boarding Establishments Act, 1963	35
Visits carried out under the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960	102
Visits carried out under the Clean Air Act, 1956	2
Visits in connection with Domestic Water Supply	179
Inspections to power and non-power factories	10
Visits carried out under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955	14
Visits carried out under the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960	156
Visits in connection with Food and Milk Sampling	104
Visits carried out under the Housing Acts	772
Visits in connection with Infectious Disease Enquiries	6
Visits in connection with Mobile Shops	3
Visits carried out under the Noise Abatement Act, 1960	20
Visits in connection with Offensive Trades	14
Visits carried out under the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963	11
Other visits	61
Inspections of Petroleum Installations carried out under the Petroleum Consolidation Act, 1928	147
Visits carried out under the Public Health Act, 1936	190
Visits carried out in connection with Rodent Control	124
Visits carried out under the Scrap Metal Dealers Act, 1964	10
Visits in connection with Meat Inspection	905
Visits in connection with Temporary Dwellings	-

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1963

During the year one additional licence was taken up to keep premises under the above Act and one of the existing kennels relinquished their Licence. The total number of licensed establishments, therefore, still remains at 4.

CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1960

The number of permanent caravan sites within the district remains unchanged; there being four main residential sites being licensed for a total of 91 caravans. All the sites are of a good standard and there has been no cause for complaint during the year.

DOMESTIC WATER SUPPLY

During the year 101 additional properties have been connected to the main supply.

No. of Dwellings Supplied From Main

Abbotts Ann	212
Amport	163
Appleshaw, part Fyfield and Kimpton	181
Barton Stacey and Bullington	285
Chilbolton	255
Clanville	27
East Cholderton	10
Goodworth Clatford and Upper Clatford	409
Grateley	149
Hurstbourne Tarrant	172
Longparish	153
Monxton	80
Penton Grafton	47
Penton Mewsey	67
Quarley	44
Shipton Bellinger (Cholderton Water Co.)	208
Tangley	129
Vernham Dean & Upton	182
Wherwell	109

Number of samples taken from Main Supply - 4

No complaints have been received during the year regarding the main supply in the area and samples taken have shown the water to be entirely satisfactory.

Bacteriological Examination of all Water Supplies

Number of samples taken	78
Number of samples reported satisfactory	59
Number of samples reported unsatisfactory	19

FACTORIES

Inspection for the purpose of provisions as to health and of sanitary accommodation in the case of power factories.

	Premises	No.	No. of Inspections
(i)	Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	2	2
(ii)	Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	26	8
(iii)	Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	Nil	Nil

Cases in which defects were found - Nil

Cases in which defects were remedied - Nil

FOOD PREMISES

The number of food premises in the area is as follows:

(i)	Grocers and General Stores	47
	Bakers	6
	Butchers	4
	Cafes, Restaurants & Hotels	14
	Licensed Public Houses and Inns	40

(ii) Number of food premises registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955.

Sale of pre-packed ice cream	64
Preparation and manufacture of Sausages etc.	4

Apart from minor infringements of the Good Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960 the general standard within the district remains quite good. There has been no need for any Statutory Action to be taken as all infringements were dealt with informally.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Milk Supply

Number of registered distributors	1
Number of registered distributors outside the area selling milk within the area	6

103 samples of milk were collected from schools and roundsmen within the district and submitted for examination; of this number 23 did not comply with the Methylene Blue Reduction test. The majority of the unsatisfactory samples were from one supplier at the latter end of the year, and with the co-operation of the Local Authority in whose district the Dairy was situated and the Dairy themselves, the matter was resolved although the reason for the failures was not discovered.

Ice Cream - Retail Premises

The total number of premises registered for the sale of ice cream remains at 64. As in previous years only pre-packed proprietory brands are sold.

Food Condemnation

The following food was voluntarily surrendered and disposed of by burying at the Council's Refuse Tip at Chilbolton.

8lb of Pork Luncheon Meat 110lb of Bacon 20lb of Canned Ham	The contents of a deep freeze due to an electrical fault

Food Complaints

Three complaints were made during the year regarding foreign matter in milk bottles, these included: cement mortar, cardboard and a plastic drinking straw. All cases were reported to the Council but in each case it was decided not to instigate legal proceedings.

Food Poisoning Outbreaks

There has been no confirmed cases of food poisoning outbreaks during the year.

HOUSING ACTS

Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954

	No. of Applications	No. of Resultant Dwellings	'Estimated Expense'	Amount of Grant
Conversions	2	2	£2,440 0s. 0d.	£800
Improvements	6	12	£6,556 4s. 2d.	£3,273
Refusals	3	3	-	-
Totals	11	17	£8,996 4s. 2d.	£4,073

Work is respect of 6 dwellings was completed.

Informal Action

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers — 26

Statutory Action

(1) Proceedings under Section 9 and 16, Housing Act, 1957

(a) Number of Dwelling Houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs — Nil

(b) Number of Dwelling Houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notice:

(i) by owners — 1

(ii) By Local Authorities in default of owners — Nil

(2) Proceedings under Section 17, Housing Act, 1957

(a) Number of Dwelling Houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders or by formal action — Nil

(b) Number of Dwelling Houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made. — 4

(c) Number of representations made to the Local Authority with a view to:

(i)	The serving of notices requiring the execution of works	Nil
(ii)	The making of a Demolition or Closing Order	26

(d)	Number of houses in respect of which an Undertaking was accepted under sub-section 4 of Section 16 and sub-section 1 of Section 35 of the Housing Act, 1957	26

(3) Proceedings under Section 18 of the Housing Act 1957

(a)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement of rooms having been rendered fit	Nil
(b)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	Nil

A major part of the Housing Survey was completed during the year but only in isolated cases was it necessary to take action under Section 16 of the Housing Act, 1957. In several cases it was found that sewage disposal was difficult but this should be improved considerably if Ministry permission is obtained for the main drainage scheme in the western part of the District.

NOISE ABATEMENT ACT, 1960

Very few complaints were received during the year and in the main these were of a minor nature from factories in the area. In each of the cases prompt action on the part of the owners of the factories resulted in the abatement of the nuisances.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

The general inspection of premises was carried out during the year. A few minor contraventions were found such as lack of requisite notices and unsuitable first aid equipment, these were rectified informally. New lighting standards were introduced during the year but as they fell much below the standard previously set in the District were found to be of little use.

PETROLEUM CONSOLIDATION ACT 1928

The petroleum installations were all inspected prior to licensing. A noticeable improvement in installations had taken place during the year and it was only necessary to send 18 informal letters for minor infringements of the Licensing Conditions. These infringements were mainly for warning notices and sand containers. Two new private installations were completed during the year and a garage in the district increased its capacity for storage with two new 5,000 gallon tanks. This brings the total licensed capacity for petroleum to 139,340 gallons.

RODENT CONTROL

During the year it was necessary to carry out treatment at 313 premises, twenty seven of which were agricultural premises. These figures showed an increase of 21 properties which was mainly due to improved survey. Premises with major infestations and known blackspots are now visited at least twice a year, usually April and November so that any re-infestations can be stamped out at an early stage.

The treatment of properties used 24 cwts of barley meal and approximately 1¾ cwts of warfarin. The Rodent Operator is also responsible for mole treatments involving trapping and the use of strychnine. 39 treatments were carried out and cost of works was recovered from the complainants on a time basis. Business premises are also required to pay for rodent control, but a free service is provided for all domestic properties.

SCRAP METAL DEALERS ACT 1964

The position with regard to scrap metal dealers remains unchanged from last year.

SLAUGHTERHOUSE AND MEAT INSPECTION

With the exception of sheep and calves the throughput at the Slaughterhouse has again shown an increase during the year. The abandonment of wiping cloths was implemented during the year which caused a certain amount of trouble due to the low water pressure at the Slaughterhouse which was insufficient to properly operate the sprays. A main water extension was carried out resulting in adequate pressure being obtained and suitable sprays have been installed and are in operation. The general standard of hygiene within the Slaughterhouse remains quite good and a more regular programme of maintenance work and decoration is being arranged by the Owner.

A 100% meat inspection was maintained throughout the year.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

A further 20 houses were connected to the main sewer in Hurstbourne Tarrant and Longparish making the total number of properties now connected 105.

A further 13 houses were connected in Abbotts Ann and Upper Clatford, making the total number of properties now 140.

Plans and estimates for the main drainage scheme to cover the Parishes of Grateley, Amport, Monxton, Thruxton, Penton Grafton and Penton Mewsey have been forwarded to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government for their consideration. Details of this scheme have also been sent to the Hampshire County Council and the Hampshire River Authority.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

The regular weekly collection of refuse was maintained during the year. Refuse was disposed of by means of controlled tipping at West Down, Chilbolton. The possibility of extending the useful life of the tip by pulverising was investigated and plans are now in hand to install a pulveriser.

The cesspool and septic tank emptying service operated throughout the year, there being 856 cesspools and septic tanks emptied as compared with 850 in the previous year.

MEAT INSPECTION

Carcasses and Offal Inspected and Condemned in Whole or in Part

	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	2,988	658	127	10,636	9,878
Number inspected	2,988	658	127	10,636	9,878
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci					
Whole carcasses condemned	1	2	3	27	20
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	892	230	3	590	2,766
Percentage of the number inspected affected with diseases other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	29.8% 26.6%	35.2% 50.8%	4.7% 1.6%	5.8%	28.2%
Tuberculosis only					
Whole Carcasses condemned					
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned					6
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis					.06%
Cysticercosis					
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	11	1			
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	4	0			
Generalised and totally condemned					